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The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes, principles and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the principles of respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of any State, the inviolability of internationally recognized borders and the inadmissibility of the use of force for the acquisition of territory,

Recalling the principles and norms of international humanitarian law, in particular those laid down in the Hague Convention respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land of 1907 and the Regulations annexed thereto,[1] the Geneva Conventions of 1949[2] and the Additional Protocols thereto[3] and the relevant international conventions on the protection of the environment in times of armed conflict,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 822 (1993) of 30 April 1993, 853 (1993) of 29 July 1993, 874 (1993) of 14 October 1993 and 884 (1993) of 12 November 1993,

Taking note of the report of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe fact-finding mission to the occupied territories of Azerbaijan surrounding Nagorno-Karabakh and the letter of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Minsk Group Co-Chairmen to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Permanent Council on the Minsk Group fact-finding mission to the occupied territories of Azerbaijan surrounding Nagorno-Karabakh,[4]

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration[5] and 2005 World Summit Outcome,[6] which emphasized the necessity of safeguarding nature for the sake of future generations and working for the protection of our common

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[1] See Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, *The Hague Conventions and Declarations of 1899 and 1907* (New York, Oxford University Press, 1915).

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

[3] Ibid., vol. 1125, Nos. 17512 and 17513.

[4] See A/59/747-S/2005/187.

[5] See resolution 55/2.

[6] See resolution 60/1.

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environment, as well as Millennium Development Goal 7, aimed at ensuring environmental sustainability,

Recalling also the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at Rio de Janeiro on 14 June 1992,[7] in particular principles 23, 24, 25, thereof, and other relevant decisions of the Conference,

Stressing that damage to the environment in times of armed conflict impairs ecosystems and natural resources long beyond the period of conflict and often extends beyond the limits of national territories and the present generation,

Alarmed and seriously concerned at the current situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan and its detrimental impact on the efforts to achieve peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan,

Gravely concerned at the transfer of settlers into the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, from which the entire local population has been expelled,

Also gravely concerned at the wide-scale devastating fires in the eastern part of the occupied territories, which have inflicted widespread and severe damage to the environment and biodiversity in Azerbaijan,

1. *Reaffirms* its continued strong support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

2. *Stresses* that neither the current situation within the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan nor any action undertaken there to consolidate the status quo of occupation may be recognized as legally valid;

3. *Also stresses* that all such actions, including the transfer of settlers into the occupied territories and destruction of the environment, are illegal and constitute a violation of international law, in particular international humanitarian law;

4. *Strongly appeals* to the parties to the conflict in and around the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan to strictly observe and respect the rules of international humanitarian law;

5. *Urges* the parties to the conflict to take urgent and effective measures to suppress the fires and to overcome their detrimental consequences in the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and to cooperate to that end;

6. *Requests* the relevant agencies of the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to provide all necessary assistance and expertise in this regard;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan".

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[7] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex I.